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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A clip, comprising:

two plates;

a spacer that connects the plates and that holds the plates apart by a gap; and  
at least one part of a hook-and-loop fastener attached to at least one of the plates  
opposite the other of the plates; and

a rubberized coating on the other of the plates without the hook-and-loop type  
fastener.

2. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the plates are substantially parallel.

3. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the plates and the spacer are formed  
from a single piece of material.

4. (Original) A clip as in claim 3, wherein the single piece of material is a steel  
plate.

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5. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the two plates are square or rectangular shaped.

6. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the two plates are differently sized from each other.

7. (Withdrawn) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the two plates are same sized as each other.

8. (Currently Amended) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the two plates each has have a surface area of several inches.

9. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the spacer connects the two plates at an edge of each plate.

10. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the spacer is flat.

11. (Withdrawn) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the spacer is curved in a semi-circle, with the inside of the semi-circle toward the gap.

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12. (Original) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the spacer holds the two plates so that the gap is one or more inches.

13. (Withdrawn) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the spacer includes one or more holes that can be used to secure the clip using nails or bolts.

14. (Withdrawn) A clip as in claim 1, wherein the spacer is adjustable so as to adjust the gap.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Original) A clip as in claim 15, wherein the rubberized coating is opposite the part of the hook-and-loop type faster on the clip.

17. (Withdrawn) A method of using one or more clips, each clip including two plates, a spacer that connects the plates and that holds the plates apart by a gap, and at least one part of a hook-and-loop fastener attached to at least one of the plates opposite the other of the plates, the method comprising the steps of:

slipping the clips into place on a floor, deck, cover, roof, board, truss, pipe, sign, or bridgework; and

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attaching a cover, sheet, drape, curtain, board, screen, or tarp to the clips via the hook-and-loop type fastener.

18. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 17, further comprising the step of adjusting the size of the gap for each of the clips.

19. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 17, further comprising the step of securing the clips in place using nails or bolts.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) A method of using one or more clips comprising the steps of: slipping the clips into place on a floor, deck or cover, with each clip including two plates, a spacer that connects the plates and that holds the plates apart by a gap, at least one part of a hook-and-loop fastener attached to at least one of the plates opposite the other of the plates, and a rubberized coating on the other of the plates without the hook-and-loop type fastener; and attaching an sheet or tarp to the clips via the hook-and-loop type fastener.

22. (New) A method as in claim 1, wherein the floor, deck or cover is an ice cover placed over ice in a hockey arena, and wherein the sheet or tarp is artificial turf.